trade delegations from 23 countries visited IITF '87. 10 seminars with high level of participation from trade and industry were organised.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

Names of Countries which participated in IITF '87 at National Level

1. Italy
2. U.S.S.R.
3. Japan
4. G.D.R.
5. Federal Republic of Germany
6. Pakistan
7. Czechoslovakia
8. Poland
9. South Korea
10. Yugoslavia
11. Romania
12. Brazil
13. Singapore
14. Bulgaria
15. Hungary
16. Mexico
17. Bangladesh
18. Vietnam
19. Sri Lanka
20. Nepal
21. Afghanistan
22. Laos
23. Bhutan
24. P.L.O.

Imposition of Cess on Import of Technology

3289. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to impose a five per cent cess on all payments for the import of technology; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) The Research and Development Cess Act, 1986 (32 of 1986) which imposes a five per cent cess on all payments for the import of technology has been brought into force from 1st December, 1987.

(b) It was envisaged in the Long Term Fiscal Policy announced in December, 1985 that a "Research and Development Cess would be imposed on all payments made for import of technology. The proceeds of the cess so levied shall be paid to the Industrial Development Bank of India, after due appropriation by Parliament by law for being utilised for the purpose of the Venture Capital Fund. The proposed Venture Capital Fund shall be utilised for providing further incentives for the commercial application of indigenously developed technology and to adapt imported technology to wider domestic applications."

Rejection of Applications for the import of Penicillin V 1st Crystals

3290. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether applications for import of Pencillin V 1st Crystals rejected on grounds of switch over from Penicillin G 1st Crystals are in order;

(b) whether a Small Scale Unit whose application has been rejected on the above grounds has already been allowed import of Pencillin V; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) One SSI Unit was granted Supplementary Licence for import of Penicillin G'/Pencillin 'V' during the licensing year 1984-85 on the basis of the recommendation of the Sponsoring Authority. However, during the subsequent licensing year 1985-86 and 1986-87 the said unit was granted the licences for import of Pencillin 'G' only as recommended by the Sponsoring Authority. Since

this unit has been using Penicillin 'G' and could continue to use Penicillin 'G' which is indigenously available, their application for import of Penicillin 'V' has been rejected.

Recommendations of Srivastava Committee

3291. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recommendations of the Srivastava Committee set up after the riots of 1984;

(b) the details of recommendations accepted by Government;

(c) by when these recommendations will be implemented; and

(d) the total amount of money to be spent on the implementation of these recommendatons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Srivastava Committee has made recommendations for strengthening the various branches of the Delhi Police. On the basis of these recommendations, recently, opening of 25 more police stations, 12 more police sub-divisions and 3 more Police Districts, have been sanctioned. These sanctions involve creation of about 12,000 more posts and purchase of nearly 668 vehicles for the Delhi Police.

(d) About Rs. 31 crores

Bank Dacoities

3292. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of bank dacoities in the country from January till September, 1987;

(b) what is the total amount of losses sufferred by the banks on account of these dacoities; and

(c) what are the details of persons apprehended in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India has reported that 77 dacoities/robberies involving an amount of Rs. 710.74 lakhs approximately plus gold weighing 4262.70 grams took place in Public Sector Banks in the country during the period 1-1-87 to 30-9-87. Reserve Bank of India has further reported that 60 persons have been arrested in connection with these bank dacoities/robberies.

Export of Bicycles

3293. SHRI GANESHWAR KUSUM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries which are importing bicycles from India;

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange earned thereby during the last three years;

(c) whether there is a good scope for bicycle export to Singapore; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to increase the export of Indian bicycles and cycle parts to that country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The major importers of bicycles and parts from India are—Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, France, FRG; Ghana; Indonesia; Iraq; Iran; Italy; Ivory Coast; Kenya; Morocco, Nigeria, Netherlands, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda; Zambia etc.

(b) The total amount of exports of bicycles and parts from India during the last three years are as follows:

	Rs. in Lakhs
1984-85	4435
1985-86	4060
1986-87 (Prov.)	5500

(c) and (d) There is good scope for bicycle exports to Singapore. A market survey of bicycle and bicycle